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SUBJ: INVITATION BY GOI TO DR JAMES FLETCHER, ADMINISTRATOR OF

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1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 9 FROM CHIEF ARMISH MAAG COPY OF TELEGRAM FROM ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR A W FRUTKIN OF NASA ADDRESSED TO ABDOL-MAJID MAJIDI, MINISTER OF STATE AND DIRECTOR OF THE PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION OF THE GOI, STATING THAT DR FLETCHER APPRECIATED THE MINISTER'S KIND INVITATION TO VISIT TEHRAN BUT THAT HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION AS HE WOULD BE RETURNING DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON FROM MOSCOW. THE EMBASSY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE GAVE THE TEXT THEREOF TO MINISTER MAJIDI'S OFFICE.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS NOW LEARNED FROM RELIABLE SOURCES IN THE MINISTRY THAT THERE IS SOME IRRITATION WITHIN THE GOI, QUITE POSSIBLY REACHING TO THE PRIME MINISTER, OVER DR FLETCHER'S INABILITY TO ACCEPT THE MINISTER'S INVITATION. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THE INVITATION WAS EXTENDED BY THE GOI AFTER IT HAD RECEIVED PRIOR ASSURANCES THAT DR FLETCHER WOULD ACCEPT THE INVITATION. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO INDICATION THAT DR FLETCHER HIMSELF GAVE THESE PRIOR ASSURANCES BUT RATHER THAT MR TURNER, VICE PRESIDENT OF FAIRCHILD INDUSTRIES IN THE US WAS SOMEHOW INVOLVED AS AN INTERMEDIARY IN THE MATTER.

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3. THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO CLEAR UP THE UNFORTUNATE IMPRESSION WHICH HAS BEEN CREATED WITHIN THE GOI AND WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

4. IF IT BECOMES POSSIBLE FOR DR FLETCHER TO VISIT TEHRAN AT SOME LATER DATE, THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT HIS ACCEPTANCE BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH DEPARTMENTAL CHANNELS. HELMS

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